

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the use of the trade mark CANSOLV ABSORBENT DS has been noted on page 27, line 28 in this application. The Examiner stated that it should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology.

In view of the objection by the Examiner, the applicant has hereby amended paragraphs 95 and 99 of the application. In each of these paragraphs, the applicant has inserted in capitals the trade mark and followed the trade mark by a generic descriptor, namely "absorbent".

The Examiner did not reject claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 27 and 28 (page 6, second paragraph of the detailed action). Accordingly, by this response, the applicant has amended claim 1 by inserting therein the limitation from claim 2. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as amended is allowable over the art of record.

Similarly, the applicant has amended claim 11 by inserting therein the limitations from claims 21 and 22. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 as amended is allowable over the art of record.

The applicant has also amended claim 24 by inserting therein the limitation from claim 27. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 27 as amended is allowable over the art of record.

In view of the amendment of the independent claims, the applicant has cancelled claims 2, 21 and 22. The applicant has amended claim 27 by inserting therein the limitation which was deleted from claim 24.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to the language of several of the claims. In particular, with respect to claims 2, 3, 22 and 23, the Examiner stated that – pH – should be inserted between "selected" and "level". The applicant has made this amendment to claims 3 and 23. Claims 2 and 22 have been cancelled.

The Examiner noted that the word "stable" was misspelled in several claims. The applicant has corrected the spelling of this word in all claims.

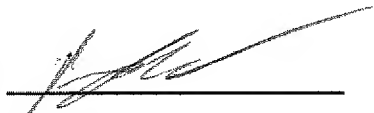
The Examiner stated that claims 22 and 23 should be dependent from claim 21. By this response, the subject matter of claims 21 and 22 have been inserted into claim 14. Accordingly, the dependency of claim 23 has not been amended.

Finally, the Examiner noted that claim 29 should be cancelled because the subject matter thereof appears to be at least a functional duplicate of the limitations of step (e) in claim 24. By this response, the applicant has cancelled claim 29 without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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